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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Thunder Basin National Grassland

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No Water at Esterbrook Campground

(Douglas, June 15, 2009) – – Water will no longer be available at Esterbrook Campground, because water well tests are consistently positive for coliform bacteria. Following Environmental Protection Agency regulations, the well cannot be left open for washing or cooking water. Water may be provided only if it is potable; otherwise, it must be closed for all use.

Campers will need to bring their own water from home for all of their needs while staying at the campground. Bottled water may be available at the Esterbrook Store. Water is not available for public use at the Esterbrook Work Center. The fee at the campground will remain the same at ten dollars per site, similar to Friend Park Campground.

Although the well is capped, the Medicine Bow National Forest will get a full engineering evaluation to determine if it is feasible to fix the problem. The health and safety of Forest users is a priority for the Forest Service.

Thank you for your understanding. For more information, please contact the Douglas Ranger District at (307) 358-4690.

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